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Dear Paul,

Enjoyed a brief visit with Stan, who left yesterday on a trip that will take him to you. Just before he left he asked if there is anything he can do in New York. Other were here then and I didn't have time to think.

On thing has since occurred to me. It would be good to know the exact nature of the suit in which Shaw was a witness, who was suing and being sued and over what. Without thenames of the litigants, which did not appear in the news stories, this is not easy to learn. I had asked Jerry Policoff, who works days and goes to school night, to see if he could get this, beginning with the reporter who covered the story. He has not been able to.

Stan, of course, works days, and courts are generally closed nights. But if he get the chance, it might be interesting to know exactly what was involved.

He did not give me his address. Would you mind mentioning this to him. Not as high priority. Jerry lives at 69-01 35 Ave, Jackson Heights. Phone, 651-7770. He can tell Stan how far he has gotten, what he has learned or perhaps believes, which court, etc.

On another subject, Bud told me Tuesday we had received an out-of-this-world reply from Rogers/State and that he had sent me a copy. It should have been here day before yesterday but hasn't arrived yet. I'll send copies when it arrives. The answer, naturally, is negative. That's all I know.

I've written about 7,000 words on Agnew/this suit/ responses into which I'll integrate this when I can analyze it. Then I'll send.

Nothing in response to other letters, nothing from Archives, despite fact orders simple and to have been done last week. Orwell is so deeply entrenched the cannot now find the pictures of 399 they took for me. I ordered a copy of one for Bernabei (who does want COUP II).

I had hoped the IRS audit of our books might be completed by now so that, in the forseeable future, we might get the overdue refund. There is always something to delay it (not necessarily dirty or crooked, for the auditor doesn't seem that way). Now he claims to have found a discrepancy. I am satisfied it is not a real one, but that is something he'll have to work on. I think it is as simple as a transfer from one bank account to another. However, this does delay the once source of fund from which I'd hoped to be able to get some copies of both COUP and COUP II. I have no copies of either on hand, only the masters. Some will come back, but on this one, for some reason, the rate of disappearance is very high. Right now I need a set for a very small, new publisher to whom Bud spoke. George Abbott's father has a copy of II I'll get back soon. But I've even used up all the NCR copies, the last copy of both going day before yesterday to another small publisher (Luce, without Luce, now at Time-Life).

The sweet young girl who has helped me in England and her prof who is a fan were here yesterday. I asked him to try and get Tsibov and Chistyakov when he gets back. He knows Victor Zorza , so I asked him to see if Z has anything in his files on Davison, telling him only that in the P case I was most interested in the US drop, which should not be at all unusual for an American writer. If anything evolves, I'll let you know. They do not return for two weeks.

Good holiday!